

Management of Historic Srinivasa Mangapuram Temple near Tirupati

2141. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are caught in a row for the management of historic Srinivasa Mangapuram Temple near Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that TTD Executive Officer wrote a letter to the Union Tourism Secretary requesting that the temple be removed from the list of protected monuments in the interest of the devotees; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKASONI): (a) There is no dispute between the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam and the Archaeological Survey of India in the management of the historic Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Srinivasa Mangapuram near Tirupati. By virtue of notification dated 15.12.1956, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Committee has been allowed to manage the customary worship of the temple.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Considering the importance of the temple, Government of India had taken a decision not to remove it from the list of monuments of national importance. However, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has been advised to submit suitable proposals for developmental works to be undertaken in the temple complex for consideration in accordance with the principles of archaeological conservation.

Recovery of taxes

†2142. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding amount of direct and indirect taxes to be recovered for the last three years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the action taken to recover the outstanding amount;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.